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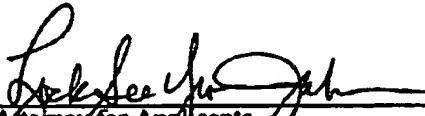
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that the enclosed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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